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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 26TH, 1913.

Consequent on the Commercial Treaties of 1902 and 1903, with their provisional promise of the abolition of extra-territoriality if and when China's legal system shall have been reformed in accordance with Western law, the Peking Board of Laws under the late dynasty and the Ministry of Justice of the present day have shown great activity in devising new Law Courts, and in revising the Penal Code. China's Penal Code has existed from time immemorial, and has been described, in the language of exaggeration, as all that such a Code should be, if only it could be put into effect in a proper way. Time to the established practice that a new dynasty should remodel the Penal Code of its predecessor, the Republican Government, in May of last year, issued its own revised edition, which, it appears, is provisional only, and is to be succeeded in due course by the complete embodiment of the Republic's ideas on the subject of criminal legislation. It is curious, then, that while all these reforms are being effected in the hope of fulfilling the condition laid down in Article XII of the MACKAY Treaty, the other half of the legal system should be left untouched. While these great efforts are being made to reform the criminal law and procedure, the commercial law, for all the attention it is receiving, would seem to have been overlooked altogether, yet the need here is far more conspicuous than in the case of the Penal Code. China's Penal Code, as it exists now, might be found

a passable instrument if it could be honestly worked; China's Commercial Code is non-existent. That this should be so is not surprising when we consider how the commercial laws of other countries have come into being. Instead of being collections of hard and fast statutory enactments, they consist, as a rule, of established mercantile customs, which may vary in different trades, and even in different places in the same trade. These customs, at first binding on the particular trade and enforced through the agency of its guild, have, in process of time, hardened into laws binding on all having dealings of the particular class to which they refer. These rules have in some cases been fortified or amplified by statute, but this does not vary the general principle that they owe their validity to long-existing practice, and have been established as part of the commercial laws of the land in the course of repeated judicial proceedings. It is here that China fails: the commercial customs are in existence, but up to the present nothing has been done to give them the force of law. There is no case law. Every case is decided on its own merits or at the whim of the presiding official, without any reference to previous cases of the same nature, nor is there any publication of the principle decided upon to serve as a guide in future cases. No doubt the guild rules and commercial usages have been cited in the Chinese courts on occasion, while it is equally certain that some of these rules and usages have been accepted by the courts on so many occasions that they have practically acquired the force of law, save for this one circumstance—in the absence of any authoritative compilation of these decisions there is nothing to prevent an official, on the next occasion that one of these customs is quoted before him, from throwing over the dicta of all his predecessors and introducing some perfectly new standard of his own. This unsatisfactory state of affairs was made the subject of representations to the Foreign Office by the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce thirteen or fourteen years ago, but the state of China prevented anything being done in the matter at the time, nor has more been effected since. The chaos in Chinese commercial law consequently continues to the present day, though, if China is aspiring to the abolition of extra-territoriality, there is far more need for reform here than in her criminal law. The average foreigner in China is not a criminal, but a merchant; his disputes with Chinese involve, as a rule, the commercial rather than the criminal law; it is in commercial matters, too, that the conflict of laws is most severely felt. It not infrequently happens, for instance, that a contract that is perfectly in order and binding under, say, English law is invalid under Chinese, owing to the omission of some trivial formality that is unnecessary and useless from our point of view, but is all-important to the Chinese, and when these formalities vary in different provinces and different trades, the chances of disputes and of mutual charges of breach of faith are great. It is, accordingly, perfectly plain that no reform of the Chinese legal system that does not extend to the commercial law can be satisfactory, nor should such reform present insuperable difficulty. The different trade guilds throughout the Republic would be required to submit copies of their rules to the Ministry of Justice, where they would be examined by a commission of experts, who would, after expurgating any rules that were plainly unreasonable or inconsistent, publish the whole compilation as the commercial law of China. This would probably be added to from time to time by duly recorded judicial decisions embodying further established customs, or by statutory enactments, but apart from this the essential of a fixed and easily accessible standard would have been fulfilled. Drawn up, as the guild rules are, with a view to the general interest of the trade, it is not likely that there would be much in them that would be objectionable even from the foreign merchant's standpoint, while it would be of infinite service to him to know authoritatively in advance what were the requirements of Chinese law in respect of any contract or agreement into which he was entering.

The Ven. Archdeacon Barnett will speak at the meeting of the Hongkong Christian Union at St. Paul's College to-day at 5.30 p.m.

The Gazette notifies that H.E. the Governor-in-Council has been pleased to direct that the name of Mr. A. S. MacKinnon be added to the list of authorised architects.

The Government Gazette intimates that H.E. the Governor has been pleased to appoint the Hon. Mr. David Landale to be a member of the Authorised Architects Committee, vice Mr. Edward Osborne, resigned.

The English mail of the 26th April was delivered in London on the 23rd May.

The Cherniavsky trio of talented instrumentalists are announced to give another concert at the City Hall on Monday next.

The Dallas Comedy Company open a short season in the Colony on Wednesday, 26th inst. with Sir George Alexander's "The Thief." As already announced, the Theatre Royal is not available owing to structural alterations to the stage, and the Company are showing in the Victoria Theatre.

The grand procession of the Corpus Christi took place yesterday evening in the compound of the Roman Catholic Cathedral. The principal feature was the Pallium borne by the Confirmer of the Blessed Sacrament, under which the Holy Host, in a beautiful monstrance, was held by His Lordship Bishop Pozzoni. During the transit of the procession, about a dozen boys dressed in red with white surplices, each holding a basket of flowers, bestrew flowers before the Pallium. There were several beautiful banners richly embroidered, representing various congregations and confraternities, and the procession was indeed very imposing. At the rear of the Blessed Sacrament, the Vice-President of the Confraternity was seen holding a golden baton, followed by chevaliers of the Orders of Christ, St. Gregory, St. Silvester and St. Thiago, with a guard of honour in two ranks beside the Pallium, and the Band of the Philharmonica. After the procession the Rev. Fr. Tour delivered a very eloquent sermon on the Holy Eucharist, the feast concluding with the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

## LOCAL SPORT.

## LAWN BOWLS.

The Lawn Bowls League Season was opened on Saturday.

KOWLOON v. TAIKOO.  
This match took place at Kowloon on Saturday and resulted in an unexpected win for the visitors by two points, Kowloon having led throughout until the last two heads. Scores:—

KOWLOON.	TAIKOO.
W. Alexander.	N. Drummond.
J. W. Crawford.	P. Farrell.
D. Cooper.	K. Porrie.
(skip) 23.	J. Ferguson.
L. Guy.	T. Bateman.
A. R. Whibley.	T. Worth.
M. McIvor.	A. Dorrington.
A. Ramsay.	W. Witherspoon.
(skip) 19.	(skip) 18.
D. Keith.	T. Grimshaw.
D. Horrey.	J. Dickie.
G. R. Edwards.	A. Hamilton.
W. Russell (skip) 12.	T. Scott (skip) 22.
53.	55.

## CIVIL SERVICE v. POLICE.

The Civil Service were at home to the Police on Saturday, the latter winning by 19 points. The scores were as follows:—

CIVIL SERVICE.	POLICE.
W. H. Woolley.	W. Gerrard.
S. Kelly.	J. J. Watt.
W. E. Bishop.	J. Grant.
C. Bond (skip) 16.	A. McHardy (skip) 29.
W. Higby.	W. Cooper.
I. Wheel.	R. Fenton.
Foster.	E. McLean.
W. Fisher (skip) 20.	W. Cameron (skip) 13.
S. Smith.	A. Clarke.
F. Fisher.	G. Watt.
A. Irving.	T. Glendinning.
R. Duncan (skip) 16.	T. Pitt (skip) 29.
52.	71.

## LAWN TENNIS.

The League Tennis match between Kowloon v. Chinese Y.M.C.A. played on Saturday at King's Park resulted as follows:—

Green and Hunter beat Ho Wing Kin and Ho Wing Yuen 11-9. McPherson and Un How Fan 7-4, and Mohler and Wong Po Keung 8-3.

Abraham and MacKenzie beat McPherson and Un How Fan 9-2, lost to Mohler and Wong Po Keung 4-6, and beat Ho Wing Kin and Ho Wing Yuen 11-9.

Wood and Pile lost to Mohler and Wong Po Keung 4-7, beat Ho Wing Kin and Ho Wing Yuen 11-9, and beat McPherson and Un How Fan 7-4. Kowloon, 73 games; Chinese Y.M.C.A., 28.

## THE "ASSAYE."

The Assaye, which was delayed at Singapore owing to a fire on board, reached Hongkong yesterday morning. The report stated that fire was discovered at 3.40 on the 16th May, in No. 5 'tween deck. The fire hose were at once connected and water pumped on the fire through the hatchways and ventilators (all securely closed to prevent ingress of air), and the flames were kept under fairly well until the arrival of the vessel at Singapore at 12.30 p.m. the same day, when the Town and Tanjong Fire Brigades were in readiness and started with about a dozen hoses, pouring water into No. 5 hatch and through the ventilators. There was much smoke and heat when the hatch was opened. The fire was extinguished at 5 p.m. No. 5 hold had to be discharged entirely and some cotton from No. 4, an operation which caused the ship to be delayed till Tuesday, 20th. The fire originated in cotton bales stowed on the 'tween decks.

## TELEGRAMS.

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## THE KOREAN CONSPIRACY CHARGE.

JUDGMENT REVERSED AND RE-TRIAL ORDERED.

TOKYO, May 25th.

The Seoul Supreme Court reversed the judgment against Baron Yun and five others, in connection with the well-known Korean conspiracy charges, and ordered a re-trial at the Taiku Court of Appeal.

## THE JAPANESE EMPEROR.

CONDITION STEADILY IMPROVING.

TOKYO, May 25th.

The condition of the Emperor shows steady improvement and no further anxiety is felt.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## THE CHINA LOAN.

OVER-SUBSCRIBED IN BERLIN.

LONDON, May 24th.

The Chinese Loan has been covered more than five-fold in Berlin.

## DISSATISFACTION IN MONGOLIA.

LONDON, May 25th.

A telegram from Mukden received at St. Petersburg says that the Princes of Inner Mongolia, while proclaiming their loyalty to the Republic, protested against the intention of the Chinese Government to transform Mongolia into a Province, and demanded autonomy and the right to raise their own troops.

## EMPIRE DAY.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAWSON EXPEDITION.

LONDON, May 25th.

Empire Day was observed on a growing scale. Everywhere there was a goodly display of Union Jacks. Bells were rung merrily, and guns in garrison towns fired salutes. The National Anthem was sung in the schools and the children paraded in the parks to salute the flag. Listen to discourses on the Empire, and to witness firework displays and illuminations.

Messages from the Colonies tell of lavish expenditure on the celebration as a public holiday, of impressive ceremonies and festivities.

Members of the Mawson Antarctic Expedition sent a wireless message to the Secretary of State for the Colonies as follows:—"King Georgelanders wish to convey Empire Day greetings."

The Australian Premier, Mr. Fisher, sent the following telegram to the Times:—"The imposition of more binding ties on several parts of the Empire would be a poor substitute for the strong, yet flexible and unfelt ties of love and duty, which call us into the breach in the time of danger. If the annual Imperial Conferences were held not always in London we would hear less of Empire dangers."

## THE DERBY.

LONDON, May 24th.

The latest quotations on the Derby are:—9 to 4 against Craganour; 5 to 1 against Shogun; 25 to 1 against Day Comet, Prue and Radiant.

## THE PEACE CENTENARY.

STATUES FOR BRITAIN AND AMERICA.

LONDON, May 25th.

A message from New York states that the Committee in charge of the celebration of the Peace Centenary will arrange for the erection of a statue of Queen Victoria at Washington and the presentation to the British people of a statue of Abraham Lincoln.

## CONSPIRACY IN PORTUGAL.

LONDON, May 25th.

A message from Lisbon reports that a court-martial found guilty of conspiracy sixteen Royalists, including Major Monter and Captain Pimentel, and acquitted twenty-five.

## TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## THE BALKAN SITUATION. THE GRÆCO-BULGARIAN QUARREL.

According to the Bulgarian version of the fighting on the part of Greeks and Bulgarians between Valtista and Kotsaki, the Greeks fired on the Bulgarian posts, which held their ground. The firing was brief and there were no Bulgarian losses.

A message from Athens states that King Constantine has gone to Salonika in order to arrange an extensive neutral zone with a view to preventing fresh conflicts between Greek and Bulgarian troops in future.

A message from Salonika states that the fighting at Valtista ceased on the 22nd inst., but on the afternoon of the 23rd two companies of Bulgarians attacked a company of Greeks at Semalton, but were repulsed. Since then tranquillity has prevailed.

The Greeks have lost 250 killed and wounded in the recent fights.

## PEACE PROSPECTS BRIGHTER.

A more hopeful feeling existed among the Balkan Delegates in London on Friday owing to the indications that the Turkish modifications of the Peace Treaty will not be so far reaching as was expected.

A Peace Delegate interviewed by Reuter expressed the hope that peace would be signed early next week.

## THE ITALIAN REVERSE AT TRIPOLI.

LONDON, May 25th.

The Under-Secretary of War, replying to a question in the Italian Chamber with regard to the recent reverse of the Italian troops near Tripoli, admitted the loss of four guns, but said they were rendered useless before they were abandoned. He pointed out that in modern tactics it was considered preferable, despite ancient prejudices, to abandon a few guns rather than sacrifice human life. It was inadvisable to say at present whether individual responsibility was apart from the unforeseen regrettable incidents always occurring in a war.

## BRITISH MINISTERS ON TOUR.

MALTA ASK FOR AUTONOMY.

LONDON, May 25th.

Mr. Asquith and Mr. Churchill have concluded a tour in the Mediterranean by an inspection of the defences of Malta and fleet exercises, and by witnessing a naval and military review.

A deputation of Maltese presented to Mr. Asquith a Memorandum urging the grant of autonomy to Malta.

Mr. Asquith made a speech in which he dwelt upon the peculiar position of Malta, owing to its strategical value to the Empire, and promised to give his careful consideration to the Memorandum.

## HOME CRICKET.

LONDON, May 24th.

Kent beat Leicestershire at Leicester by nine wickets.

Oxford beat M.C.C. at Oxford by an innings and 41 runs.

Hampshire beat M.C.C. at Lord's by 908 runs.

Derbyshire beat Warwickshire at Derby by seven wickets.

Northants beat Lancashire by four wickets.

Notts. defeated Sussex by 35 runs.

Yorkshire beat Worcestershire by six wickets.

## BOXING IN CANADA.

A TRAGEDY.

LONDON, May 25th.

A New York message states that at a boxing contest at Calgary, Alberta, Arthur Pelkey, of Calgary, knocked out Luther McCarthy, "the American white hope," in the first round. McCarthy fell and died in a few minutes.

## TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## DISSATISFACTION IN FRENCH MILITARY CIRCLES. RENEWED DISTURBANCES.

LONDON, May 24th.

Le Matin states that the Government is certain that the adoption of the three years' service is not the cause of, but provides a long awaited opportunity for, a well-prepared political movement. It bases this view on a voluminous report by the Prefect of Police which was drafted in December.

There were grave disturbances at Rodez on Friday. A Colonel knocked down a bugler who was sounding the "assembly" in the barrack square, for the purpose of holding a demonstration; and he also knocked down a man who rushed to the bugler's assistance with the butt of his rifle. A general melee ensued lasting for three-quarters of an hour.

A later message states that it has been ascertained that the instigators of the outbreak at Rodez included an ex-convict and several members of the Confederation of Labour. Their plan was to join the other regiments in breaking into the magazines, but this was foiled by the arrival of the Colonel and the officers. When the men in response to the bugle call trooped into the barrack square in full marching order a major snatched a rifle from a soldier and shouted, "The first to advance is a dead man." The effect was electrical in checking the demonstrators.

The action of the Government in prohibiting the annual celebration of the Commune at Pere-la-Chaise led to noisy scenes in the Chamber of Deputies, the Socialists declaring that the introduction of the three years' service meant civil war and accusing M. Barthou (Minister for War) of inaugurating a régime of re-action. The Chamber passed a vote of confidence in the Government by 381 votes to 188.

A telegram from Nancy states that the 14th Regiment, returning from a field day, sang the "Marseillaise" and cheered for the Three Years' Service scheme.

## AMERICAN MILITARY DISASTER.

LONDON, May 24th.

The breach block of a gun blew out at Fort Moultrie, South Carolina, killing a captain and two privates, and seriously wounding nine others.

## AMERICAN POLITICIAN CONVICTED OF BRIBERY.

LONDON, May 25th.

Mr. Stilwell, Chairman of the Codes Committee of the New York State Senate, has been convicted of bribery in connection with Stock Exchange reform legislation.

## FATAL EXPLOSION IN SOUTH AMERICA.

LONDON, May 25th.

An explosion occurred at the gaswork attached to the hydraulic works in the Harbour of Buenos Ayres. Twelve persons were killed and twenty injured.

## NATIONAL SERVICE.

LORD ROBERTS AND COLONEL SEELY TO DEBATE QUESTION.

LONDON, May 25th.

Colonel Seely and Lord Roberts have agreed to debate the question of National Service at the Eighty Club on the 26th June.

## THE LICENSING BOARD.

The following list of members of the Licensing Board as constituted under Section 9 of the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, 1911, is published in the Gazette for general information:—

The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, Chairman; the Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomson, Vice-Chairman; the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher (temporary), official members; Mr. D. W. Craddock and Mr. H. W. Bird, unofficial members appointed by the Governor. The Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewitt, C.M.G., Mr. C. G. Alabaster and Mr. A. S. Hooper, elected by the Justices of the Peace.



## TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE GERMAN ROYAL WEDDING.  
A BRILLIANT EVENT.

LONDON, May 25th.

The marriage was celebrated on Saturday afternoon, in fine weather. The procession was a very brilliant one, being headed by the bridal pair, followed by the Emperor and the Duchess of Cumberland, the Empress and the Duke of Cumberland, the Tsar and Queen Mary, King George and the Crown Princess of Germany, and other Royalties. The procession was through the Castle to the Chapel, which was filled by a distinguished company, including diplomats. The Court Chaplain performed the ceremony, which was followed by a congratulatory reception and a State banquet.

The wedding created great public interest, and the vicinity of the Palace was packed all day with an enthusiastic crowd. Waves of cheering marked the passage of the automobiles bringing the Royalties to and fro.

The weather was cool, but overcast.

GATHERING OF MONARCHS IN  
BERLIN.

HAPPY ANGLO-GERMAN RELATIONS.

LONDON, May 25th.

A message from Berlin says King George and Queen Mary, with the British Embassy, all the diplomats, as well as Dr. Bethmann von Hollweg (German Chancellor), Herr von Jagow (Foreign Minister) and other distinguished personages being present.

The Kaiser and the Czar motored to Charlottenburg and had lunch with the officers of the Alexander Regiment.

Subsequently the Czar gave an audience to Dr. Bethmann von Hollweg.

All Their Majesties were present at a gala performance of the opera "Lohengrin," this opera being the choice of Princess Victoria Louise, the bride, who, with the bridegroom, occupied the place of honour in the Royal Box.

Huge crowds wait outside the Castle, the Crown Prince's Palace, and the British and Russian Embassies wherever there is a chance of seeing King George and Queen Mary and the Tsar. The hawkers do a thriving trade in little German flags bearing portraits of the bride and bridegroom, some trying their luck with Union Jacks.

King George, in the morning, examined the wedding gifts at the Castle, afterwards receiving at the British Embassy a deputation from the British Colony, who read a loyal address to His Majesty. The King, in reply, said:—By fostering and maintaining kindly relations and a good understanding between yourselves and the people of your adopted home, you are helping to ensure the peace of the world, the preservation of which is my fervent desire, as it was the chief aim of my dear father.

King George on Friday inspected his Regiment, the 1st Dragoon Guards at Toppelhofenfeld. Sham fighting was arranged, and was followed by the usual evolutions. His Majesty expressed to the Commander his lively satisfaction with the soldiers' fine appearance, and smart manoeuvring.

The Tsar presented Dr. Bethmann von Hollweg with a silverasket, set with precious stones, and King George conferred on the Chancellor the Grand Cross of the Victorian Order.

King George bestowed the Grand Cross of the Victorian Order on the Foreign Secretary, Herr von Jagow, and the German Ambassador to London.

The Tsar also conferred the Alexander Nevsky Order on Herr von Jagow.

## ANOTHER STEAMER BLOWN UP.

STRUCK A MINE OFF SMYRNA.

LONDON, May 25th.

A telegram from Constantinople says that the steamer Nevada, flying the American flag, but owned by a Turkish firm, struck a mine in the Gulf of Smyrna. Eighty of the 200 passengers were saved by a French warship.

## RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

It was rather a humorous suggestion on the part of His Excellency the Governor that he had taken to lawn tennis and golf because the burden of years was making it inexpedient for him to continue the more strenuous exercises of earlier days. His Excellency cannot be feeling so very old or he might have tried lawn bowls instead of lawn tennis.

The correspondence which has appeared in the Daily Press during the past week relating to the demolition of the Clock Tower embodied suggestions which are worth consideration by the Government. Mr. Shelton Hooper's suggestion, that a small "island" should be formed on the present site of the Tower, seems a very useful one in the interests of the regulation of traffic, while the further suggestion that a tablet should be put there—on a lamp-post, perhaps—recording that the "island" marks the site of the old Clock Tower, meets, in some degree, the sentimental objections to its removal. Mr. Henry Humphreys, in suggesting the removal of the big trees in Pedder Street, has ventilated an idea which many people, I think, will endorse. Mr. Humphreys says they are out of place in crowded thoroughfares and shopland. I have often had occasion to regard these particular trees as positively dangerous now that the vehicular traffic in this street has become so considerable. The reasons which have dictated the removal of the Clock Tower apply equally to the trees, especially now that a macadamised stand for chairs and rickshaws has been laid down the centre of the thoroughfare, compelling vehicles to keep closer to the trees. Most of us share "K.A.M.'s" lament over the disappearance of the clock itself, and will hope that it may not be long before the Government provides a public clock somewhere in the centre of the town.

It will be remembered that there is a pedestal for a clock tower on the Post Office Building, but the erection of the tower and the installation of a clock was not proceeded with on account of the great cost. It may be that the Government contemplates the provision of this feature in the future, but I doubt if it will be worth the money. Such a timepiece would practically be seen from the harbour only, and as a clock tower and clock are features of the Kowloon Railway Station it would be unnecessary to have these duplicated on the Victoria side of the harbour. It has been suggested that a public clock might be placed above the entrance to the public offices in the Post Office building. Such a site would be central and meet the needs of those who miss the Clock Tower. Certainly such needs exist these warm days, as men in their anxiety to reduce their apparel to the minimum have so few pockets that they cannot even carry watches. Those who wear the wrist watch dispense with it, too, these days, as the sensation of clammy leather on the skin is unpleasant.

The above reference to letters which have appeared in the Daily Press during the week reminds me also of the pointed letter of a shareholder in the China and Manila Steamship Company, or the Philippines Steamship Company, as it is now called, a letter which asked a number of very suggestive questions indicating want of confidence in the management. Surely the Articles of Association provide for a surer means of removing grievances than writing anonymous letters to the papers. These serve to stimulate interest in the subject, no doubt, but the disinterested reader asks: Haven't these shareholders, who appear to have a substantial grievance, sufficient courage to demand an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders to discuss it and to decide upon such action as the circumstances may seem to warrant?

It seems curious that Empire Day should be more enthusiastically celebrated in the self-governing Colonies than anywhere else in the Empire. Canada and Australia and New Zealand observe the day in a manner that deepens the Imperial sentiment among old and young, but in the Homeland the people have not yet awakened to the advisability of linking themselves up with the other parts of the King's dominions in celebrating the "one flag, one empire" idea, though judging from Reuter's telegrams the day has been observed at home this time on a bigger scale than ever before. Apart from the addresses delivered to the children in church, Hongkong is lacking in this respect also, though it has to be admitted that the Imperial sentiment is much more in evidence on the King's birthday, when the populace turn out to see the parade of troops and feel that they are proud to belong to the Empire whose emblem is the Union Jack.

RODERICK RANDOM.

## EMPIRE DAY.

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES IN HONGKONG.

Empire Day was loyally observed in the Colony on Saturday. Although the majority of the business establishments did not close their shops, the day was declared a public holiday and was observed as such by the Colony Government services. A few British ships in the Harbour displayed hunting and several German ships were dressed in honour of the royal wedding in Berlin. The Imperial Government establishments, as usual, took no notice of Empire Day. Special services were held at St. John's Cathedral and at the Roman Catholic Cathedral, each being largely attended, children being present from practically every school in the Colony.

AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

At the service in the Protestant Cathedral, H.E. the Governor and H.E. Major-General Anderson attended. The Rev. A. D. Stewart conducted the service, a band of the D.C.L.I., and a choir of soldiers, leading the musical portion of the service. The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, Pastor of Union Church, read the lesson.

In the course of an appropriate and interesting address, the Bishop of Victoria (Dr. Lander), said he would tell those present of a story he had read himself. A long time ago there were some very great men, handsome and brave, and some good women, and God gave these people a tract of land; it did not matter where. It was filled with very long grass and in it were lions, tigers and big serpents and all kinds of big beasts and reptiles. And so these brave men and good women had to work very hard, in order to make their land habitable. They cleared the grass of lions and tigers and after a time made it into a beautiful country. Then they looked round and saw that the people in the neighbouring countries were cruel, and made their children slaves, and the brave men and good women fought these people and delivered the slaves and made them very happy. Then they improved the land, put roads across it, built railways, lighted it with electric light, built beautiful cities and beautiful churches; they educated the people and made them very happy. There came a time when the brave men and good women got very old and it became the time for them to die. Before they died they thanked God for giving them a beautiful life to live and they charged their children not to live for themselves but to do good to the whole world. The children did their best, but were not so great as their parents. And the time came when they, too, had to die and they charged their children to be brave and take charge of the land. But the children said, "We don't like work; we like pleasure." The men spent their time shouting at football matches, smoking cigarettes, going to picture shows and the like. They did not mind very much what became of the land so long as they could lie abed in the mornings. What happened? The lions and tigers came back again and killed many of the people who were not strong enough to fight them and the slaves were taken back again and, worst of all, there came a time when the people all round said, "What is the good of letting those lazy, good-for-nothing people live in the land? We will take it from them." They fought them, took away the land, and said, "You would not work for yourselves, but shall work for others." They put chains about their necks and made them slaves, and made them work and work and work; and that was what became of their land. That was a story he had read, but it was not true yet, and Empire Day was to prevent it being true. Their parents were brave and good people, to whom God gave a beautiful Empire, who liberated slaves and taught people so much good. But if they were like the children in his story that was what would happen to them and what would happen to the British Empire. Empire Day was to teach them to thank God for their land and that they had a duty to Him to serve Him. They thanked God for the great Queen Victoria and for the brave men and good women who had sacrificed themselves. Their motto should

be "I serve." That was the motto of the highest subject of the King. The only people who would be able to maintain the British Empire were those who were willing to obey. It was not what they wanted to do that they should do, but what they were told; and in conclusion he asked the children to say after him, "I will serve God and I will obey God."

The National Anthem concluded the service.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICE.

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Glenesly was effectively decorated with flowers, palms, and ferns, and the number of children attending was over 1,500. The Mass was sung by the Rev. Father de Marin, and he had the assistance of the Cathedral clergy, the choral parts being taken by the choir of St. Joseph's College. The following schools were represented:—Army School of Hongkong and Kowloon, St. Joseph's English College, Italian Convent, French Convent, English School for Portuguese, St. Francis' School (Wanchai), St. Mary's School (Kowloon), Mesque Junction School, St. Lewis Industrial School (West Point), Yauwatt Chinese School, Hungnam Chinese School, and Shaikwan Chinese School.

Among others present were:—Mr. T. K. Doaly, headmaster of Queen's College, Mr. de Martin; Mrs. Bird, headmistress of the Army School, Mrs. Cordeiro, of the Portuguese School, and Mrs. Lamb, of the Girls' High School.

The Right Rev. Bishop Pozzani addressed the children. He said:—Prompted, no doubt, by his truly Imperialistic spirit, His Excellency the Governor expressed the wish that I should hold this year a service, similar to those of the past two years, on Empire Day. Cheerfully do I comply with that wish. This is the second time that I feel the pleasure of meeting you and addressing you here in this House of the Lord, on the occasion of these solemn and reminiscent proceedings. I am happy and feel thankful to God to think that there are congregated to-day in this our Catholic Cathedral children representing so many different races in the world and nearly all of whom are instructed in our schools, which owe their beginning in the first years of the reign of a British Sovereign, whose glorious memory we keep green with each returning year on "Victoria Day."

We read in the Holy Gospel that Jesus, our Saviour, had a most tender love for children. He welcomed them so gently and blessed them so fondly! And He insisted that they should always have free access to Him. Hence it was always and everywhere recognised as a Christian feeling and belief that children deserve peculiar respect and sympathy, and that great is their merit before their Divine Father. No one, indeed, is more beloved by God and by men than a well-behaved and righteous child who fears God, listens to the Church of God, loves, reveres and obeys his parents and keeps away from the paths of evil. The celebration of this day, in which you take such a leading part, is really an echo of the general Christian feeling and belief I have mentioned to you just now. There is great rejoicing to-day in all parts of the civilized world; this is a memorable day for all those who breathe that air of security, liberty and progress which is to be found nowhere so pure and wholesome as under the glorious British flag, within the British Empire, the greatest the world ever saw or is likely to see at any future time. I think I should again tell you that those who first thought of the beautiful and loyal idea of an Empire Day intended that it should be celebrated prominently by children, and especially by school-going children. The Earl of Menth, who works so untriflingly to keep the happy idea always before the people throughout the length and breadth of the British Empire, only the other day reminded us, in the columns of the newspapers published in Hongkong, that the day should be kept up by all children whatever their race and creed. I see in front of me children of purely British parentage, and I see also seated at the benches children of other nationalities, but who, none the less, observe this day with the spirit that is taught in the watch-words of the move-

ment:—"Responsibility, duty, sympathy, self-sacrifice." To understand the true meaning of this celebration I will ask you, children, who are spoken to at home in the English language, to fancy that your parents say to you:—"Our fathers have built this great Empire, with the permission of God. It was extended to its present wonderful size by a noble and admirable Queen—Victoria the Good—who stood a living example of all domestic and social virtues. Our Empire Day is Victoria's Day. It was honoured by her worthy son, Edward the Seventh, the Peace-Maker. It is now wisely ruled by the grandson of Victoria, His Most Gracious Majesty George the Fifth, our beloved King-Emperor. We are proud of it; we thank God for it; and we contribute towards its maintenance, with the help of God, by our spontaneous and healthy allegiance to the Sovereign whom God has invested with supreme authority over us. When you are grown up, it will be your good fortune and your sacred duty to do all that may lie in your power towards the continuation and development of the great name and prosperity of the British Empire." Rejoice, therefore, my dear children, in this auspicious day; enjoy your amusements and sports; sing the praises of the benign rule under which it is your happiness to live. Shout with your full silvery voices and from your feeling hearts:—"God bless the King-Emperor and grant him a long and prosperous reign!" In the meantime, I wish to impress on your minds that rejoicing, sporting and feasting are by no means the essential elements of this festivity. I wish to stir you to nobler feelings and to draw your attention to a twofold duty which devolves upon you. In the first place, you ought to thank God for the choice blessings He has bestowed on the noble English nation and on all the peoples who are enjoying peace and comfort under the British rule. At the same time, you ought to beseech Him to continue His blessing on your flag and His mercy on your brother-citizens throughout the length and breadth of this Empire. And what you do this day in the presence of the public, do not forget to do every day when you kneel down for your morning and night prayers. Your second duty is to try and fit yourselves, during your school-going days, for a worthy and useful life hereafter. It is a proverb:—"A young man according to his way, even when he is old, will not depart from it." (Prov. XXII. 6.) Now you are laying the foundation for your future life; this is a most important work on which depends your future behaviour and your social usefulness. Attend to it.

Work while you work, play while you play. To be happy in the world, that is the way. Be men already, by lofty thoughts, sound and generous aims, and a spotless life. Listen to your teachers: they impart to you the principles of the best social education; follow in their footsteps by their examples, they show you the way to virtue, duty, self-sacrifice, honour and loyalty. Avoid whatever is untrue, unbecoming or mean. Be fair in all your dealings with your companions, and respect each other in all the details of your everyday life. "Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is all man." (Eccles. XII. 13.) This I esteem to be the best Charter for a British subject of your age. You are willing to always remember this Charter, are you not? If you remember it and keep it conscientiously, you will deserve, in the days to come, to be numbered among the best, most loyal and most useful subjects of your Most Gracious King-Emperor, whom, together with Her Majesty the Queen-Empress and the whole Royal family may God the Almighty, the Giver of everything good, bless and preserve and make happy and prosperous for the welfare of the British Empire—Amen.

The National Anthem brought the service to a close.

## LOCAL INVENTIONS.

It is notified in the Government Gazette that, on the application of Alfred Golds, Staff Sergeant, Royal Engineers, Victoria, H.E. the Governor-in-Council has been pleased to grant to the said Alfred Golds provisional protection for a period of nine months from the 10th of May, 1913, for an invention for improved hinged hook for easement stays, easement and cabin hooks of iron, steel or brass, either round or rectangular in section, pending the grant of letters patent therefor.

It is further notified that, on the application of George Ferdinand Hay Faithfull, Lieutenant, 128th Baluchistan Infantry, H.E. the Governor-in-Council has been pleased to grant provisional protection for a period of nine months from the 10th May, 1913, for an invention for obviating the necessity for the use of a cockscrew, at the same time ensuring that the contents of a bottle or pot have not been tampered with, pending the grant of letters patent therefor.

## NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY.

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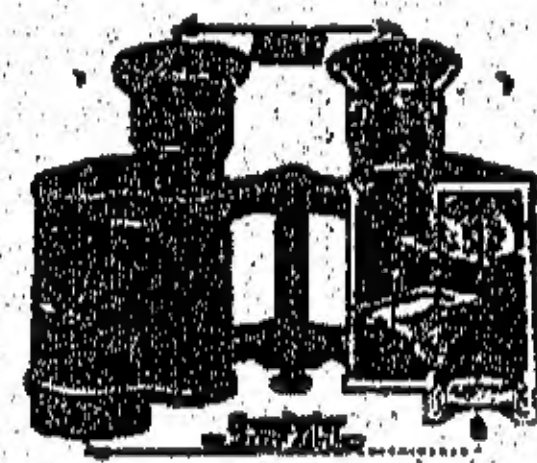
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3 Bed-rooms, Dining Room and usual Offices;  
Monthly Rent \$475 exclusive of Taxes; Gas  
and Water laid on.  
Apply to—  
COMMISSIONER,  
Kowloon Customs,  
York Buildings, Chater Road,  
Hongkong, 26th May, 1913. [715]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.  
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.  
FROM LONDON, LONDON, LONDON,  
LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship  
"GLENESK," having arrived from  
the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are  
hereby informed that their Goods are being  
landed at their risk into the Godowns of the  
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown  
Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at  
Consignees' risk and expense.  
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are  
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on SATURDAY, the 31st inst., at 10 A.M.  
All Claims must be presented within FIVE  
Days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which  
date they cannot be recognized.  
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining  
undelivered after the 31st inst. will be subject  
to rent.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 24th May, 1913. [716]

SOCIETA NAZIONALE DI SERVIZI  
MARITIMI.  
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.  
FROM KOBE.

THE Steamship  
"CAPRI,"  
having arrived from the above Port, Consignees  
of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their  
Goods are being landed at their risk into the  
Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown  
Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may  
be obtained. Perishable Goods to be taken  
delivery of immediately.  
All Claims must be sent to the Office of the  
Under-Registrar before Noon on the 3rd June  
or they will not be recognized.  
All Claims must be presented within ten days  
of the steamer's arrival here, after which date  
they cannot be recognized.  
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining  
undelivered after the 30th May will be subject  
to rent.  
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods must  
be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on the 30th May, at 9.30 A.M.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
CARLOWITZ & CO.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 24th May, 1913. [3]

## LIGHTERAGE.

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO.  
undertake every description of lighter work, including transshipments in the Harbour,  
delivery to any water frontage in the Colony, and conveyance to Canton and West River  
ports. Small nauties handled and specially low rates quoted for large quantities.

## ADVERTISEMENTS

## CITY HALL.

RETURN VISIT OF THE  
**CHERNIAVSKY**  
TRIO  
ONE NIGHT ONLY.  
MONDAY, JUNE 2ND, at 9.15 P.M.

PRICES: ... \$3 and \$2.

PLANS NOW OPEN AT—  
ROBINSON'S.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1913. [713]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL  
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.  
TEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON,  
AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT,  
MEDITERRANEAN PORTS,  
LYMOUTH AND LONDON.

ROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR  
DAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL,  
AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICA PORTS.

THE Steamship  
"ASSAYE,"  
Captain G. J. Colwell, carrying His  
Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from  
this for BOMBAY, on SATURDAY,  
the 7th June, 1913, at Noon, taking  
Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports  
in connection with the Co.'s s.s. "MOREA,"  
from Colombo, passengers' accommodation  
in which vessel is secured before departure  
from Hongkong.  
Silk and Valuables and Tea and Cargo for  
France and London (under arrangement)  
will be transhipped at Colombo into the  
Mail Steamer proceeding direct to  
Marseilles and London, other Cargo for  
London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay  
in the s.s. "INDIA," due in London on  
the 20th July, 1913.  
Parcels will be received at the Office  
until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The  
contents and value of all packages are  
required.  
For further particulars, apply to  
E. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent,  
Hongkong, 26th May, 1913.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.  
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer  
"ASSAYE,"  
Arrived Hongkong on 25th May, 1913,  
FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND  
STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named  
vessel are hereby informed that their goods are  
being landed and placed at their risk in the  
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown  
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each  
Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark  
and delivery can be obtained as the Goods  
are landed.  
Optional Goods will be landed here unless  
instructions are given to the contrary within  
5 hours.  
Goods not cleared within 8 days including  
date of arrival will be subject to rent.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me  
in any case whatever.  
Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns  
for examination by the Consignee, and the  
Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD  
and DOUGLAS, at 10 A.M. on MONDAYS and  
TUESDAYS. All claims must be presented  
within ten days of the steamer's arrival here  
after which date they cannot be recognized.  
No claims will be admitted after the goods  
have left the Godowns.  
E. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent,  
Hongkong, 25th May, 1913. [3]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.  
S.S. "NILE,"  
FROM SAN FRANCISCO VIA JAPAN  
PORTS AND MANILA.

THE above-mentioned Vessel having arrived,  
Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified  
to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-  
signature and take immediate delivery of Cargo  
from alongside. Cargo impeding discharges will  
be landed immediately at Consignees' risk and  
expense.  
Cargo remaining undelivered WEDNESDAY,  
28th May, at Noon, will be landed at  
Consignees' risk and expense.  
Cargo remaining undelivered MONDAY, 3rd  
June, at Noon, will, in addition to landing  
charges, be subject to storage charges.  
No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.  
All chafed and otherwise damaged Cargo will  
be examined at the above Company's Godown  
SATURDAY, 31st May, at 10 A.M.  
No Claims will be entertained unless accom-  
panied by short delivery note or list of excep-  
tions taken at the time of delivery to Consignees  
and signed for and on behalf of the Pacific  
Mail S.S. Co.  
All Claims must be filed on or before 26th  
June, otherwise they will not be recognized.  
O. H. RITTER,  
Acting Agent,  
Hongkong, 26th May, 1913. [30]

## INTIMATIONS

## LANE, CRAWFORD &amp; Co.

TELEPHONE 97.

WHY NOT SLEEP SOUND  
THESE HOT NIGHTS?

## STAPLES

## YOU KNOW

## STAPLES

"A STAPLES MATTRESS  
MEANS BETTER HEALTH."

CALL AND INSPECT ONE.

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PEEK, FREAN & CO.'S  
CELEBRATED BISCUITS.

FRESH CONSIGNMENTS JUST ARRIVED  
PER S.S. "NARBUNG."

STOCKED BY  
WING ON CO.  
KWONG HIP SHING.  
KWONG WAH.  
AND OTHER LEADING COMPRADORES.  
ASK FOR  
PAT-A-CAKE.  
SHORT CAKE.  
TEDDY BEAR.  
LEMON PUFF CREAM.  
CLOTTED CREAM.  
REPRESENTATIVES FOR HONGKONG AND SOUTHERN CHINA:  
**MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.**  
[392-2]

ART EXHIBITION  
OF  
WATER COLOURS.

VIEWS OF HONGKONG, SHANGHAI AND  
JAPAN,  
BY E KATO.

MESSRS. KOMOR & KOMOR'S  
Newly-Built Gallery,  
Alexandra Buildings,  
Opens on SATURDAY, the 24th inst.  
Visitors are cordially invited.  
Hongkong, 24th May, 1913. [702]

PROF. TEJA SINGH, M.A. (HARVARD),  
M.A., LL.B. (PUNJAB).  
WILL deliver a free Lecture on "The  
Sikh Faith, its Ideal of God Con-  
sciousness, and a Living Brotherhood in  
Spirit," TO-DAY (MONDAY), 26th inst., at  
5.30 P.M., in the OLD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
Room, CHRY HALL, Hongkong.  
The Public are cordially invited to attend.  
Hongkong, 24th May, 1913. [703]

NOTICE.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the  
Partnership heretofore subsisting between  
ELIZABETH NICOLAY and DOROTHY  
ALEXANDER, carrying on Business as Ladies'  
Dressers at Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong,  
under the style or Firm name of "AMERICAN  
CONSET STONE," has been dissolved as from the  
date hereof.  
Dated this 21st day of May, 1913.  
JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,  
Solicitors for the above-named  
ELIZABETH NICOLAY. [696]

WANTED TO LET.

LAUNCH on Hire, for Small Bathing  
Parties.  
For Rates apply to—  
Care of "Daily Press" Office,  
Hongkong, 14th May, 1913. [655]

MASSAGE.  
SKILLFUL Safety in the General or  
Electric.  
Miss MORITA,  
Care of NOMEA HOTEL,  
15, 16 and 17, Connaught Road  
Opposite Blake Pier.  
Hongkong, 8th May, 1913. [652]

## PUBLIC COMPANY

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the  
TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL  
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the  
Company (since its registration) will be  
held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Hongkong,  
on SATURDAY, the 31st day of May, 1913,  
at 12.15 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the  
Report of the General Managers together with  
a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December,  
1912.  
The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY,  
the 28th May, to MONDAY, the 2nd June,  
1913, both days inclusive, during which period  
no transfer of shares can be registered.  
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers,  
Hongkong, 24th May, 1913. [704]

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an  
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL  
MEETING of the CANTON INSURANCE  
OFFICE, LIMITED, will be held at the  
Office of the General Agents of that Company,  
No. 16, Pedder Street, Victoria, in the Colony  
of Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 11th  
day of June, 1913, at Noon, when the subjoined  
Resolutions which were passed at the Extra-  
ordinary General Meeting of the Company  
held on the 21st day of May, 1913, will be  
submitted for confirmation as Special Resolu-  
tions—  
(1) "That the draft new Articles be  
"approved."  
(2) "That the new Articles already approved  
"by this Meeting which have for the  
"purpose of identification been subscribed  
"by the Chairman of the Company be  
"and they are hereby adopted as the  
"Articles of the Company in substitution  
"for and to the exclusion of all the exist-  
"ing Articles thereof."  
Dated this 21st day of May, 1913.  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,  
General Agents,  
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD. [697]

SHIOYA HOTEL (late Samside Villa),  
Inland Sea, now open for the season.  
Every comfort. Moderate rates.  
Address—  
MANAGER,  
SHIOYA HOTEL,  
Near Kobe, Japan.  
[705]

## AUCTIONS

G. P. R.  
PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and CONDITIONS of  
the letting by Public Auction Sale, to  
be held TO-DAY (MONDAY), the 26th day  
of May, 1913, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of  
the PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, by Order  
of HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, of Two  
Lots of CROWN LAND at Conduit Road,  
in the Colony of Hongkong, for a  
term of 75 years, with the option of renewal  
at CROWN RENTS to be fixed by the  
Surveyor of His Majesty THE KING, for one  
further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.									
No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements (Approximate)	Contents	Annual Rent	Superficial Area	Upset Price			
No. of Lot	Locality	Boundary Measurements (Approximate)	Contents	Annual Rent	Superficial Area	Upset Price			
1	Conduit Road, Hongkong	110 feet by 100 feet	110 feet by 100 feet	10,400/112	2,400				
2	Conduit Road, Hongkong	170 feet by 100 feet	170 feet by 100 feet	10,400/112	2,475				
						[687]			

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Under-Registrar has received instructions  
to Sell by Public Auction,  
On THURSDAY,  
the 29th May, 1913, commencing at 2.30 P.M.,  
at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,  
A COLLECTION OF  
VALUABLE  
CHINESE PORCELAINS AND CURIOS,  
Comprising—  
5-Coloured and Blue and White VASES,  
PLATES, BOWLS and FIGURE, OLD  
BRONZES, JADE ORNAMENTS, CHINA  
GLASS, AMBER and CRYSTAL, SNUFF  
BOTTLES, OLD CHINESE PICTURES,  
TONTIN INLAID WORK, etc., etc.;  
and  
A Quantity of SILK EMBROIDERED  
HANGINGS, MANDARIN COATS, etc.  
On View from WEDNESDAY, the 28th May.  
Catalogues will be issued.  
Terms—Cash on delivery.  
GEO. P. LAMBERT,  
Auctioneer,  
Hongkong, 23rd May, 1913. [700]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MR. GEO. P. LAMBERT has received  
instructions to Sell by PUBLIC  
AUCTION,  
On FRIDAY,  
the 30th May, 1913, commencing at 5 P.M., at his  
Auction Rooms, in Duddell Street,  
IN ONE LOT,  
The VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PRO-  
PERTY registered as Inland Lot No. 1927,  
situate in Wong Nei Chong Road and adjoining  
the Race Course, excellent building site, Area  
24, 98 square feet.  
Particulars and conditions of sale may be  
obtained from  
MR. GEO. P. LAMBERT,  
Auctioneer,  
MR. J. CADE CLARK,  
14, Queen's Road Central,  
Architect,  
Messrs. HASTINGS & HASTINGS,  
8, Des Voeux Road Central,  
the Vendors' Solicitors,  
Hongkong, 16th May, 1913. [680]

G. P. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and CONDITIONS of  
the letting by Public Auction Sale, to  
be held on MONDAY, the 2nd day  
of June, 1913, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of  
the PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, by Order  
of HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, of One  
Lot of CROWN LAND at May Road,  
in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75  
years, commencing from 21st February, 1912,  
with the option of renewal at a CROWN  
RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of His  
Majesty THE KING, for one further term of  
75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.									
No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements (Approximate)	Contents	Annual Rent	Superficial Area	Upset Price			
No. of Lot	Locality	Boundary Measurements (Approximate)	Contents	Annual Rent	Superficial Area	Upset Price			
1	May Road, Hongkong	100 feet by 100 feet	100 feet by 100 feet	9,207/64	1,874				
						[708]			

TO LET

TO LET

NO 21, SHELLEY STREET.  
"CRAIG EYRIE," No. 4, The Peak, To  
Let, 8 ROOMS, Tennis and Croquet Lawns;  
Fine Situation.  
From 1st February, 1913, MERION, No. 10  
Peak, Furnished or Unfurnished. 6 ROOMS  
To Let or For Sale. "GLENSHIEL," No.  
124 Barker Road, Peak, 5 ROOMS, from 1st  
March, 1913.  
For Sale. "HARTING and ROGATE"  
on part of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1154.  
Apply to—  
LINTSEAD & DAVIS,  
Hongkong, 19th May, 1913. [64]

TO LET

ON 2ND FLOOR, No. 2, PEDDER STREET  
ONE-ROOMED OFFICE.  
Apply Property Office.  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,  
Hongkong, 23rd May, 1912. [66]

## TO LET

TO LET.

FLATS, "WILD DELL," No. 147  
Vanchai Road, Newly Built, each Flat  
with 3 ROOMS, Kitchen, Bathroom, and  
Servants Quarters. Quiet Locality.  
"HOMESTEAD," No. 45, PEAK.  
Apply to—  
TSANG KIT-PAN,  
Comptroller Department,  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION.  
Hongkong, 29th April, 1913. [522]

TO LET.

LA HACIENDA EAST, 74, Mount  
Kellot Road.  
Apply to—  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-  
MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, 1st May, 1913. [587]

TO LET OR FOR SALE.

UNDER THE PINES AT KOWLOON.  
3 FINE BUNGALOWS on upwards of  
3,000, 4,000 and 5,000 taebos of land,  
Fully Furnished, 20 minutes' walk from the  
Golf Links.  
Apply to—  
WHITMARK ALLISON & CROMBIE,  
Estate Agents,  
72, Kio Machi, Kobe, Japan.  
Kobe, 16th May, 1913. [706]

TO LET.

BISHOP'S LODGE SOUTH, No. 5,  
Peak, FIVE ROOMS FURNISHED,  
for the Summer only; close to Tram Station.  
Apply—  
DENNIS & BOWLEY.  
Hongkong, 23rd May, 1913. [693]

TO LET.

NO. 2, WEST END TERRACE, Shamonee.  
No. 153, PRAYA EAST, GODOWN,  
FOR SALE or TO LET.  
Unfurnished, a HOUSE at The Peak.  
Apply—  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-  
MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, 1st May, 1913. [65]

TO LET

"EDGEHILL," No. 6, The "EAK-"  
FURNISHED. For particulars  
apply to—  
R. SUTHERLAND,  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,  
Hongkong, 9th May, 1913. [698]

TO LET.

SHOP, No. 12, Queen's Road Central.  
OFFICES, Nos. 12 & 14, Queen's Rd. Central.  
No. 9, MOUNTAIN VIEW, PEAK,  
No. 5, STEWART TERRACE, PEAK.  
Apply to—  
M. J. D. STEPHENS,  
Hongkong, 25th April, 1913. [623]

TO LET.

1ST FLOOR, No. 8, Wood Road.  
Apply to—  
THE YEE YUEN,  
No. 192, Queen's Road East,  
Hongkong, 14th May, 1913. [669]

TO LET—AT KOWLOON.

NEW MODERN 3-ROOMED FLATS,  
with Two Bathrooms, Pantry, Kitchen  
and Servants Quarters. Bathrooms fitted with  
English Baths. Kitchen has English Cooking  
Range and Hot Water Boiler. Electric Light  
throughout. Immediate Possession.  
Also  
NEW FIVE-ROOMED TERRACE  
HOUSES with Tennis Courts. Ready for  
occupation about 1st May.  
Apply to—  
HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE  
CO., LTD.,  
Alexandra Buildings,  
Hongkong, 12th May, 1913. [663]

TO LET.

OFFICES in Hotel Mansions.  
Apply to—  
HENRY HUMPHREYS,  
Alexandra Buildings  
Hongkong, 9th April, 1913. [555]

TO LET.

SHOP in ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.  
Apply—  
A. S. WATSON & Co., LTD.,  
Alexandra Buildings,  
Hongkong, 27th November, 1912. [69]

TO LET—from 1st July.

THE Premises including the Silk Godown  
in Canton on Shamonee Lot 19 known as  
"THE RED HOUSE" now in the occupation  
of Mr. T. E. Griffith.  
Apply to—  
DAVID SASSOON & Co., LTD.,  
Hongkong, 15th May, 1913. [676]

TO LET.

LARGE SUBSTANTIALLY BUILT  
GODOWN, situated on Water Front,  
East Point.  
For further particulars apply Property Office.  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, 15th August, 1912. [67]

TO LET.

"BREEZY VILLA," No. 2, Park Road  
4-Roomed Bungalow with Tennis  
Court. Commands splendid View of Harbour.  
For Rent, etc., please apply to—  
YAP HOK LING,  
No. 4, Bpton Terrace,  
Hongkong, 28th March, 1913. [507]

TO LET.

A HOUSE in KNOTSFORD TERRACE.  
Apply—  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-  
MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, 1st May, 1913. [506]

TO LET.

THE PREMISES No. 6, DES VOEUX  
ROAD, CENTRAL, now nearing  
completion. Suitable for Banking and other  
Offices, &c.  
Apply to—  
DAVID SASSOON & Co., LTD.,  
Hongkong, 15th May, 1913. [675]









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equal \$1,400,000

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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened on the usual  
terms.

DEPOSITS RECEIVED, fixed for one year  
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on application.

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THE BANK'S CIRCULAR LETTERS OF  
CREDIT are available all over the  
world.

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PURCHASE AND SALE of Stocks and  
Shares effected.

TRAVELLERS' CHECKS sold and cashed  
GEORGE HOGG,  
Manager.

9, Queen's Road,  
Hongkong, 2nd November 1912 220

THE MERCHANTS BANK OF  
INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL ... \$1,500,000  
Subscribed ... \$1,250,000  
PAID UP ... \$600,000  
RESERVE FUND ... \$450,000

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Every description of Banking and Exchange  
business transacted. Stocks and Shares  
bought and sold on account of Customers.  
Letters of Credit granted on Agents and  
Correspondents all over the world.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at  
2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on  
Fixed Deposits at rates which may be  
ascertained on application.

A. R. LINTON,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1913 199

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is con-  
ducted by the HONGKONG AND  
SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.  
Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the  
Minimum Monthly Balances at 3 per cent  
per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option  
balance \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND  
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED  
DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION.  
N. J. STABB,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st July, 1911 19

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA  
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.  
HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

PAID UP CAPITAL ... \$1,200,000  
RESERVE FUND ... \$1,700,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF  
PROPRIETORS ... \$1,200,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General  
Banking business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened on  
FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or  
shorter periods at rates which will be quoted  
on application.

A. S. HEWITT,  
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 14th April, 1913. 133

RAFFLES

**NEDERLANDSCH-INDISCHE  
HANDELSBANK**  
(NEDERLANDS INDIA COMMERCIAL BANK)

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ARRIVALS AT HOME.

May 23rd—Ernest Simons, Sileta,  
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THE WRECKED STEAMER  
"NIPPON."

FIRST SALVAGE REACHES MANILA.

The Manila Cablenews of Tuesday last  
contains the following:—

With the first of the salvage cargo from  
the stranded *Nippon* aboard the cutter  
*Indraghiri* tied up in front of the Custom  
House yesterday afternoon shortly after  
3.00 p.m. She brought in 1,164 sacks of  
copra and 22 cases of curios, among which  
were seven addressed to His Royal Highness  
the Crown Prince of Sweden, the  
result of seven years' accumulation of old  
brick tiles and bronzes from China.

Shortly after the arrival of the  
*Indraghiri*, the steamship *Antonio M.  
Poizat*, which was chartered by Messrs.  
Struckmann & Company, arrived bring-  
ing back C. Struckmann, partner in the  
firm of Struckmann & Company, Captain  
P. Miller, who is acting in the capacity  
of Lloyd's agent, Captain Bailey, repre-  
senting Robinson & Company, who were  
appointed salvors by the underwriters, and  
Captain Hessel, salvage contractor.

All of these gentlemen absolutely refused  
to make any statement until they had  
made their reports.

It was learned from a reliable source,  
however, that the *Nippon* is still resting  
easy on the reef with 12 feet of water at  
her bow and 23 feet aft, and in all prob-  
ability if the weather holds good it will  
not be a Herculean task to bring her to  
Manila. As near as can be ascertained,  
for the divers had not commenced their  
work at the time of the departure of the  
*Indraghiri* or the *Poizat*, the *Nippon* has  
three or four holes in her bottom, only one  
of which, it is thought, penetrates her  
inner plates.

The task of unloading the *Nippon* will  
not be a difficult one if the weather holds  
good, for it is possible for the smaller  
vessels to steam completely around her.  
The *Indraghiri* pulled up right alongside  
and rigged up a double boom, using her  
own steam to take the copra from the  
holds of the *Nippon* and swing it aboard.  
As yet it is impossible to say just how  
much of the cargo is wet, but it is  
estimated that between 800 and 900 hun-  
dred tons are submerged, there being 12  
feet of water in her holds.

The work of unloading the vessel is  
being done by Captain Taylor, sent out  
by Messrs. Struckmann & Company. He has  
at his disposal about 100 men, including  
divers and complete apparatus for salvaging  
the ship. As soon as the cargo is all taken  
out and the ship light enough to float,  
she will be patched up, pumped out and  
towed to Manila.

The *Antonio M. Poizat*, with Messrs.  
Struckmann, Miller, Bailey and Hessel  
aboard, who went out to size up the situa-  
tion for the owners and underwriters,  
arrived at Scarborough reef on Sunday  
morning and her passengers boarded the  
*Nippon*. They were courteously received  
by Captain Taylor, who showed them  
about the ship. They seem very much  
impressed with the fact that the American  
flag was flying at the main truck and that  
there was no evidence of the Swedish flag.  
Whether this was taken down or was not  
up when the ship was first boarded is not  
known. The *Poizat* left the wreck at 1.15  
p.m. on Sunday afternoon and  
arrived here at 8.00 p.m. yesterday.

Three hours after the *Indraghiri*  
left, the cutter *Indraghiri* left at 7 p.m.  
on Sunday, five and a half hours later  
than the *Poizat* but beat her in. Captain  
Anderson, commanding the *Indraghiri*,  
extended the hospitality of the ship to the  
*Poizat* passengers and offered to bring  
them back to Manila, but they refused.

Captain Anderson reports quite a heavy  
swell on Sunday which retarded the work  
of loading the *Indraghiri*, as she had to  
pull away from the *Nippon*. A slight  
pounding was noticed which seemed to  
come from No. 2 hatch, but this did not  
cause any anxiety to the men working on  
the vessels. Under Captain Taylor's  
direction the work of salvaging the ship is  
being pushed to the utmost and every  
available means will be employed to make  
it a success.

When the *Indraghiri* arrived yesterday  
she was boarded by the customs officials  
and brought alongside the custom's wharf,  
where her discharge began. The curios  
addressed to the Crown Prince of Sweden  
were put under lock and key in a hodega  
'B' and the copra is being stored in  
the custom's house hodega in charge of  
the collector of customs pending the  
settlement of ownership. It is quite  
probable that His Royal Highness  
the Crown Prince will have to wait  
several months longer for his curios,  
and in all likelihood when the  
question is settled the remainder of  
the cargo will have been sold by the  
collector of customs, for he has the  
authority to sell at public auction any  
cargo left on his hands which shows signs  
of deterioration, which this cargo un-  
doubtedly will, as a good portion of it  
is wet.

THE CURATE AND THE TWINS.

A coincidence caused some amusement at  
the time in connection with the church  
which my family used to attend (says a  
writer in the *Occult Review*). The rector  
there was the present Bishop of Liverpool.  
Mrs. Chavasse, it so happened, had had  
twins for the second time. The event had  
only just occurred, and the curate who  
preached the Sunday morning sermon had  
not been made acquainted with the fact.

By almost incredible coincidence he  
chose as his text the words, "Two are  
better than one." To the vast amusement  
of the congregation. Quite ignorant of  
what caused their merriment, the curate  
looked round, thinking that there was  
something amiss with his surplice, and,  
finding nothing, proceeded to repeat the  
text in louder and clearer accents than  
before, which naturally only increased the  
general amusement.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. str. *Candia* arrived at  
Penang on the 23rd May, at noon.

The I.G.M. str. *Prinz Ludwig* left  
Shanghai on the 24th May, and may be  
expected here on or about the 29th May,  
at 6 p.m.

The C.P.R. str. *Empress of Russia*  
arrived at Shanghai on the 23rd May,  
at 12.30 p.m., left Shanghai on 23rd May,  
at 10 p.m., and due to arrive Nagasaki  
on 25th May, at 5 a.m.

BRITAIN'S MILITARY PROBLEM.

COLONEL SEELY'S REPLY TO HIS CRITICS.

The Secretary for War addressed a  
meeting of his constituents at Hleanor  
recently and in the course of his speech  
reviewed the military problem of the  
country. He said he had recently been  
subjected to a good deal of criticism, and  
that he was glad to have the opportunity  
of making his reply at that meeting, and  
of his constituents. Colonel Seely describ-  
ed as foolish canards the rumours of  
discussion at the War Office, and proceed-  
ed to deal in some detail with the needs  
of the country in the matter of defence.

In the course of his speech he said:—  
"What do we want for our immediate  
needs, and by what methods shall we get  
it?" He divided our requirements into  
five sections:—

We want a preponderant Navy.

We require an Army for overseas about  
120,000 white troops.

We require a force to safeguard our  
vital interests. For this we maintain the  
Expeditionary Force of six divisions  
which can be mobilized with great  
rapidity.

We require an Air Service.

We require an Army for the defence of  
these islands from attack from overseas.

For this purpose the present Government  
decided that it was desirable to maintain  
a force of 310,000 men. Here for the first  
time we are met with the fact that  
although we think it desirable to have this  
number of men, we have not got them.

THE INSURANCE ACT SUGGESTION.

As we have not got the number we  
require, the question is how they should  
be obtained. One school of thought pro-  
poses to make up for the loss of time and  
money to which employers and employees  
are subjected by fulfilling the duty of  
home defence by doing what is possible to  
mitigate whatever hardship may fall upon  
individuals as a result of the voluntary  
system.

They therefore propose  
that the contributions under the Insur-  
ance Act for both employers and  
employees shall be paid by the State in  
respect of all efficient Territorials. No  
doubt these members would be prepared to  
put forward other proposals in the  
same direction.

I believe that the problem, though  
difficult, is not insoluble on these lines.  
When I came to the War Office we were  
faced with a record drop in the number  
of Territorials due to leave, well over  
100,000. Fortunately, during that period,  
although there has been this large num-  
ber of terminations of engagements, we  
have had the best recruiting year we have  
had for the last four years. We have  
obtained 61,000 recruits as compared with  
46,000 last year, 41,000 the year preced-  
ing, and 36,000 in the year before that.

I can only express the hope that this  
increase in recruiting may be maintained.  
The force has undoubtedly increased in  
efficiency and is far superior to the force  
we had eight years ago.

THE COMPULSORY PROPOSAL.

Another school of thought, composed  
mostly of Conservatives, but also partly  
of Liberals and of at least some sup-  
porters of the Labour Party, propose that  
the inequalities should be redressed by a  
compulsory system. The latest proposal,  
made by means of a Bill in Parliament,  
proposed by a Conservative M.P., Mr.  
Sandys, and seconded by a Liberal mem-  
ber, the late Sir Charles Ross, is that  
every one should be liable to serve, but  
that only those should be taken who are  
necessary to make up the required num-  
ber, and that the method of selection  
should be by choosing those who are  
physically the most fit.

These arguments require a reply, and  
a reply of two kinds; a reply in words  
and a reply in deeds. The answer in  
words seems to me to be first, that, as  
our most essential armed forces, namely,  
the Navy and the Regular Army, are, and  
will continue to be, recruited on a volun-  
tary basis, it will introduce an element  
of confusion and possibly of difficulty to  
adopt the other plan for our home defence  
force.

Secondly, that in practice the new plan  
would not work because of the deeply-  
rooted objection of people of all classes  
to compulsion in any form. Even if you  
could institute the system you would have  
a large number of unwilling soldiers who  
would be a danger instead of a help in  
time of trouble. And thirdly, that the  
present plan is better because, from the  
purely military point of view, troops  
raised on a voluntary basis have the out-  
standing advantage that they become  
efficient in a far shorter time than troops  
raised by the other method.

THE "DO NOTHING" SCHOOL.

There may be yet a third school of  
thought—those who say that nothing need  
be done. I say at once that, strongly as  
I disagree with the compulsory school,  
I differ even more profoundly from the  
"do nothing" school.

In this three-sided controversy there can  
be no possible doubt on which side the  
Government and I, the War Minister, are  
to be found. No Minister has ever been  
more explicit on this subject. In a recent  
speech I made the following considered  
statement, which was fully reported in  
every newspaper:—"His Majesty's  
Government have no intention whatever  
of adopting a system of compulsory  
service for fighting units. Far from  
abandoning the voluntary principle, they  
intend to foster, encourage, and extend  
it by every means in their power." This  
statement I repeat, and I have nothing to  
add to it or take from it. There is no  
need for panic or alarm, but we mean to  
take whatever steps are necessary to  
provide the country with the necessary  
means for home defence.

These, then, are our principal defensive  
requirements, and it is to the perfecting  
of them that we devote our attention.  
New facets of the problem are constantly  
presented to us in Parliament, and it is  
necessary to make replies on various  
points. It seems to be assumed that  
unless one deals with the whole problem  
every time one speaks that one is over-  
looking some vital element. That is not  
the case. We have a clear view of what  
we want, and we mean to secure it.

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STEAMERS.

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21st May—Bangkok 13th May, Rice—  
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CARL DIERICHSEN, German str., 774, A.  
Bohmer, 20th May—Hoihow 19th  
May, General—Jebson & Co.

CHIYO MARU, Japanese str., 7,250, W. W.  
Greene, 16th May—San Francisco 19th  
April, General—Toyo Kisen Kaisha.

ELLER RICHMENS, German str., 2,852, H.  
Ahler, 21st May—Sabang, General—  
Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

HONGKONG MAIL, Japanese str., 3,462, T.  
Sagata, 19th May—Mojji 14th May,  
General—Toyo Kisen Kaisha.

KIANG PENG, Chinese str., 1,222, Udden,  
22nd May—Chinkiang 17th May,  
General—Chinese.

KWANGLOO, Chinese str., 1,492, J. Mc-  
Arthur, 23rd May—Shanghai 20th  
May, General—Chinese.

LYNCAIN, British str., 2,900, Jackson,  
22nd May—Milke 17th May, Coal—  
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LOOKSON, German str., 1,026, M. Tautbert,  
23rd May—Bangkok 16th May, Rice—  
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MINNESOTA, American str., 13,323, Gardick,  
21st May—Seattle 15th April, General—  
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MONTAGUE, British str., 3,953, F. L.  
Davison, 13th May—Vancouver 17th  
April, Flour and General—Canadian  
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NAISANG, British str., 2,591, H. E. Gilroy,  
20th May—Mojji 16th May, Coal and  
General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

NO. 4 UNRAI MARU, Japanese str., 2,275,  
Y. Tanaka, 21st May—Mojji 25th May,  
Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

PONGTONG, German str., 807, W. Botofuhr,  
22nd May—Bangkok 15th May, Rice—  
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SENZA, German str., 997, N. Jensen, 23rd  
May—Bangkok 15th May, Rice—<











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